## Twin Swamps Nature Preserve

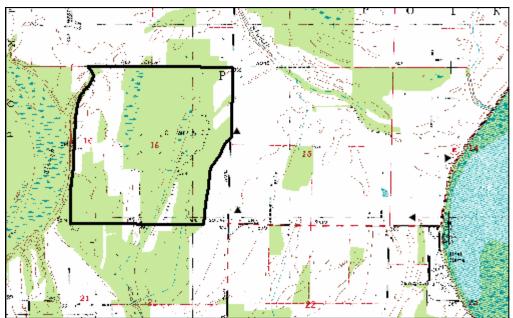
County: Posey Size: 598 acres

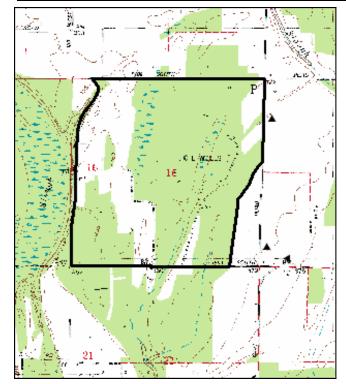
Ownership: Nature Preserves - IDNR

## **Location and Access**

**Parking lot and trail.** Take S.R. 69 south in Posey Co. until it ends at Hovey Lake Fish and Wildlife Area. From there, go west a little over 1.25 mi. to the first intersection. This is Co. Rd. 300W, which is gravel at this point. Go north (right) on the gravel road (the paved road turns south) for about 1 mi. The parking lot will be on the left. A trail and boardwalk traverses the property.







**Description:** Twin Swamps consists of a swamp cottonwood-bald cypress swamp and an overcup oak swamp, with an area of southern flatwoods between the two. This preserve is one of the few existing remnants of such communities which once occurred over large portions of the Ohio and Wabash River Valleys.

Swamp white oak, shagbark hickory, cherrybark oak and pin oak are a few of the species which can be observed in the flatwoods section of the preserve. In the swamps, you can see large bald cypress, swamp cottonwood, and overcup oak trees.

Twin Swamps is home to many bird species normally associated with this type of habitat, such as the blue-gray gnatcatcher and the brilliantly colored prothonotary warbler.

## **Further Information:**

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